

* "BRING WITH THEE THE BOOKS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE PARCHMENTS."—*Paul.* *

DEDICATION

OF THE

LIBRARY BUILDING

Gammon * Theological * Seminary.

May 26th, 1889, 2:30 P. M.

ATLANTA, GA.

Lines Written for this Occasion.

Light, Freedom, Truth, be ever
these thine own;

Light to see Truth, Freedom to
make it known

Our Work God's Work, our Wills
His Will alone.

John Greenleaf Whittier.

Order of Services.



Introduction from the Ritual.



HYMN OF THANKSGIVING,

“It is a good thing to give thanks.”—F. J. BARRETT, - *Select Chorus*

PRAYER.

THE FIRST LESSON,

2d Chronicles, vi: 1, 2, 18-21, 40-42

THE SECOND LESSON,

- - Nehemiah viii: 1-8



WORD of God, O living Word,
Thy loving wisdom wrought
Into our natures, Mighty God,
The wondrous power of thought.

2. Thy gift, this faculty divine
Thine Hand hath swept with skill,
A harp that trembles in the wind,
Responsive to thy will.
3. Within these consecrated walls
The music of the years,
The thoughts of mercy, truth and grace
Fall, echoing, on our ears.
4. O Word of God, O living Word,
Help us lift up the strain ;
The grace of Thine atoning love
Wide through the world proclaim.

William Ingraham Haven.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS,

Charles H. Payne, D. D., LL. D.

LINES WRITTEN FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE LIBRARY BY JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

LETTERS FROM BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH, GEO. W. CABLE AND OTHERS.

CHORUS.

“The Heavens declare the glory of God.”—GROATE, Miss Colburn and Choir

RESPONSIVE READING.

Leader: Come hither and hear the word of the Lord your God.

Congregation: *Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
for they shall be filled.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever.

Be ye mindful always of His covenant; the word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: for they are they which testify of Me.

These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.

Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Unless Thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished
in mine affliction.

How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Leader: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Congregation: *Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.*

The entrance of Thy words giveth light.

Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

DEDICATION HYMN.

THE Lord our God alone is strong ;
His hands build not for one brief day ;
His words and works, through ages long,
His wisdom and his power display.

2. Thou sovereign God, receive this gift
Thy willing servants offer thee ;
Accept the prayers that thousands lift,
And let this hall Thy Temple be.
3. And let those learn who here shall meet,
True wisdom is with reverence crowned,
And science walks with humble feet
To seek the God that Faith hath found.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING BY THE TRUSTEES THROUGH
THE REV. E. H. GAMMON.

We present unto you this Library Building to be dedicated as a Depository of Christian Learning, for the service of the Church and the Instruction of her Ministry in the Word of Worship of Almighty God.

DECLARATION AND DEDICATORY PRAYER.

DELIVERING THE KEYS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES TO THE PRESIDENT. - *Professor W. H. Crogman.*

The Book of Books.

How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to Heaven.

This lamp, through all the tedious night
Of life, shall guide our way,
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

John Fawcett.

BENEDICTION.

